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April 26, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; Upper Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; VERNON FIELD, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; the Upper Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; all in the Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create five (5) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS RA SU143 through HOSS RA SU147.
2. To create five (5) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Upper Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated UCV RA SU143 through UCV RA SU147.
3. To create five (5) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated LCV RA SU143 through LCV RA SU147.
4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
5. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.

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6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 798-A series of Orders to the proposed additional units for the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A.

7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 798-C series of Orders to the proposed additional units for the Upper Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.

8. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B series of Orders to the proposed additional units for the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.

9. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 798-A, effective February 28, 1980, and was further defined in Order No. 798-A-1, effective August 18, 1982.

The Upper Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 798-C-10, effective January 22, 2002.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B-23, effective January 22, 2002.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated April 14, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set May 6, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

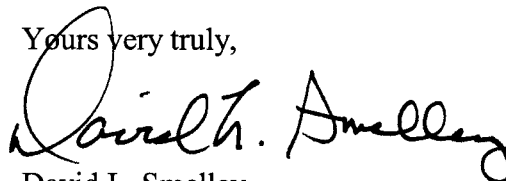
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Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of each of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Vernon Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Les Rodman (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

